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Hon. Philip M. Halpern
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Application denied. Under Local Civil Rule 83.9(c)(4), the mediation shall not interfere with any scheduling order of the Court. The parties shall comply with the Court's Individual Practices, including the rules governing motions to dismiss, and shall comply with any scheduling orders issued by the Court. To the extent plaintiff requests a stay pending mediation, that request is denied.

SO ORDERED.



Philip M. Halpern
United States District Judge

Dated: White Plains, New York
October 18, 2022

Re: Gioia v. Project Veritas
Case No. 22-cv-06710 PMH)

Dear Judge Halpern:

On October 10, 2022, Defendants Project Veritas, O'Hara and O'Keefe posted a letter to Plaintiffs' counsel commencing the Motion to Dismiss process under the Court's Rule 4(c)(ii).

On October 11, 2022 this Court issued a Mediation Referral Order because this is an FLSA case. In that Order, the Court deferred on scheduling a Rule 16(b) conference. We assume that the litigation of the Motion to Dismiss which is largely based on a purported failure to plead the overtime hours, and what was done during the overtime sufficient detail. Given the records the Court directed the parties to produce, we assume that litigation of that proposed motion is similarly put on hold pending mediation.

If we are wrong, we request that the Court so advise.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Arthur Z. Schwartz

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cc: Justin Kelton, Esq.